PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of Wilhelm HOFMANN, et al.

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AMENDMENT A

Attn: **Mail Stop Amendment** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 7, 2009, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.